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Thinking as an activity is the active universal, and indeed the self-actuating universal, since the act, or what is brought forth, is precisely the universal.

-Hegel

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TAKING THE EASY WAY OUT SINCE 1961

Ontario Universities Respond To Cuts

Ontario's universities believe they will be seriously damaged by the Government's announced \$280 million cut to their funding. "These cuts will have an impact on our universities for years to come," said Bonnie Patterson, President of the Council of Ontario Universities.

The transfer reductions come at a time when studies indicate that 60 per cent of all new jobs created by the year 2000 will require a university degree. Leading experts from Michael Porter to John Kenneth Galbraith have predicted that the countries that will be successful in the information economy will be those that have highly trained, sophisticated workers.

Ontario's government grants, for each university student, are already the second lowest in the country. The impact of these cutbacks will be to reduce them to the lowest of any of the 10 provinces. Unlike municipalities and school boards, universities have no other major unregulated source of income.

"We had hoped that the Government would have looked to the future of this Province when it determined its priorities. We believe that universities and their graduates are critical to economic recovery," Professor Patterson said.

As a result of more than two decades of underfunding the

universities have been restructuring their institutions to deal with reduced resources while working to protect the quality of education in this Province. "We are prepared to work in partnership with the Government on their announced discussion paper on university restructuring but with funding so limited it will be challenging in this environment to determine what more could be done that would not put the quality of post-secondary at severe risk," she added.

The Council of Ontario Universities has for several years, supported a reform of student assistance programs and in particular the implementation of an Income Contingent Repayment Plan (ICRP). The council is calling on the Government to keep its commitment, as stated in the Common Sense Revolution, to ICRP. The 10 per cent increase in tuition fees and 10 per cent increase in discretionary tuition fees will not come close to compensating the institutions for the decrease in their funding. Professor Patterson added that a reformed student assistance plan is critical to ensure that any student with the ability and the interest would be able to attend university.

The Council of Ontario Universities is an advocacy, research and communications organization representing the interests of 20 post-secondary institutions in Ontario.

SGA Update

by Dominic Vidmar
Staff Writer

The 9th regular meeting of the SGA Board was held on Monday, January 8th. The approval of the minutes from the meetings of November 27th and 29th was unanimous as was the approval of the agenda.

That evening's guest speaker was Dr. Nagebauer, Director of Health Services. Dr. Nagebauer explained the mission statement of Health Services which included the promotion, restoration and maintenance of physical, social and emotional health. "Because of our situation, we are the ideal solution for students who are feeling the pressures of school life, such as exams, midterms and other factors that can be dragging them down," Nagebauer added.

Services offered by Health Services include birth control, a wart clinic, counselling, sport injury therapy (at the Ben Avery Centre), referral service and many others. The focus of the Service is one of cumulative care. This means that students can be treated by one physician instead of bouncing around from after-hours-clinics to emergency

and back to Health Services. "This assures that students will receive the best care available at all times from us," Nagebauer explained, "because we will have treated that student from his/her first day here at Laurentian."

Advit Nath, International Students Commissioner, asked Dr. Nagebauer to explain why international students were being asked to pay between \$500 and \$600 for UHIP, which is similar to OHIP. Dr. Nagebauer replied that the fee, in his opinion, adequately reflected the true cost of health care. He also recommended that all international students get this coverage, not for the day-to-day smaller injuries that might occur, but for the catastrophic cases such as a car accident. "If this were to happen and the patient had no coverage whatsoever, this patient would be in serious trouble."

Students wishing more information can contact Health Services at 675-1151, ext. 1067 or drop by G-23, in Student Street (SSR).

Activity reports from all executive members followed. Troy Whetstone reported that the Student Services recommendations, presented by John Gonder to the Senate were defeated. The only recommendation that will be returned to Senate is the one concerning Laurentian's commitment to students in which the university recognizes that students are of paramount importance to its life. The panel discussion,

"Laurentian University in crisis" had a poor student turnout; surprisingly, Faculty and staff comprised the majority of observers.

The next segment of discussion dealt with the universal/mandatory bus pass currently under debate with City council and Laurentian University. Kevin Dorsey, VP External, mentioned his reasons for not attending the City council meeting on Monday night [Ed. - outlined in Letter to Dr. Pearson, p. 4.] to represent SGA student views. More news regarding this issue will be forthcoming.

Carny week this year is scheduled for January 23-28. The event booklet is available from the fine people registering the teams and, after January 15, at the Carny booth in front of the Great Hall.

Nominations for Chief Returning Officer opened January 8 and close January 22 with the elections to be held that evening. Contact the SGA for further information.

The next board meeting will be held on January 22, 5:30 pm in SCE239. All are welcome to attend. The guest speaker for that evening will be Dr. Paul Cappon, Vice-President Academic.

Battling The Tuition Bulge

By Rachelle Martin
Gazette (CUP)

Tuition fees have doubled over the past decade according to a Statistics Canada report - a trend which has caused Canadian university administrators to take steps to counteract the drastic increases.

In fact, tuition increases have risen higher than the rate of inflation. While inflation has gone up 34 per cent since 1985-86, tuition has more than doubled.

This year's hardest hit provinces have been Ontario and Alberta, where tuition has risen 9.1 and 10.5 per cent, respectively the Nov. 8 report states. Ralph Williamson, a planning analyst for Western's department of institutional planning and budgeting, said tuition

increases are largely determined by provincial governments. "Universities in Ontario have been suffering for quite a bit longer in grant cutbacks," he added.

This is one reason why Ontario universities have been forced to raise tuition, he said. "We obviously have to get the lost revenue from somewhere."

The University of Alberta has dealt with government cutbacks by demanding the government give a relative amount of attention to financial aid. "We're putting pressure on the government to make sure financial aid is in step with tuition," Brian Silzer, associate VP-registrar at the University of Alberta, said, adding the university has also increased its emergency resource and scholarship funds.

Silzer said the Alberta government's policy is to have tuition fees account for 30 per cent of the university's operating budget. "We are keeping an eye on enrollment circumstances," he added. "If there is a sudden decline in terms of participation at the university, we would be looking at fees as a contributing factor."

Further west, the situation is not as grim. John Chase, director of budget and planning for the University of British Columbia, said tuition in B.C. rose only five per cent last year, which Chase attributes to B.C.'s vibrant economy. "The provincial government is doing a reasonable job to fund universities."

Like B.C.'s government, the Quebec government has provided the majority of funds for its universities,

Bruce Stevenson, director of Alumni and public relations at Bishop's University, said. Tuition in Quebec has tripled since 1990-91, however it remains the lowest in the country at \$1,694.

"I guess our government was wealthy enough to continue financing universities," Stevenson explained, noting Quebec's debt is the second highest in the nation.

Students in Nova Scotia, on the other hand, face high tuition fees which are \$3,172, this year. "We've been hit hard already, I can't see [tuition prices] getting any better this year," Harold Austin, Acadia University's VP-finance, said.

But such disparities in tuition fees across Canada are something the federal government is not in a position to fix, Martha Nixon, director general of the youth, learning and literacy directorate at human Resources Development, said.

"Certainly not in today's climate where there's a great distinction made about what's provincial and what's federal jurisdiction," she explained. "This is something education ministers across the country would want to discuss."

Nixon added the federal government is attempting to offset tuition increases by implementing a comprehensive student loan system.

Universities are also looking at other ways to help students afford an education. The University of Saskatchewan has implemented program to raise money for its scholarship and bursary funds. "We

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A Place For Chaplaincy

We have it! Room L233 in the Student Centre has been provided for Chaplaincy and Campus Ministry. Thank you to all the members of the Board of Directors of the Student Centre for their vision and wisdom.

Ever since 1993, chaplains have been asking for a room in the Student Centre to make Campus Ministry more visible and accessible to all students, faculty and staff. In April 1995, the Federation Relations Committee and the Federation Management Committee recognized chaplaincy as part of the student services and mandated a coordinator of chaplaincy to implement the service. A place in the Student Centre is a very important step in the process of providing support to spiritual life on campus.

Chaplains are financially supported by their respective tradition and like most campuses, the union Centre provides graciously space for the service.

If you wish to contribute into the "thinking" of the welcoming atmosphere of this drop-in room L233 and if you wish to volunteer scheduled time to welcome, provide information and respond to inquiring minds please feel free to stop by.

Nominations for the position of

Chief Returning Officer (CRO)

for the upcoming SGA general elections will be accepted at the SGA office from January 8th to January 19th 1996 at 4:00pm.

For more information contact the SGA office at 673-6547.

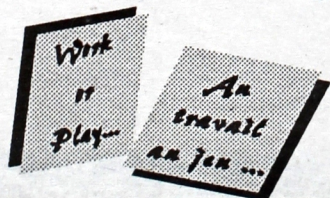
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Les nominations pour le poste du

Président(e) d'élections

pour les prochaines élections de l'AGE seront acceptées du 8 janvier au 19 janvier 1996 à 16h au bureau de l'AGE.

Pour plus d'information composez le bureau de l'AGE à 673-6547.



Education: Ontario To Introduce College of Teachers

by Stacey Young
The Varsity (CUP)

Ontario's provincial government intends to establish a College of Teachers, a self-regulatory body to include membership from teachers, business, labor and members of the public.

The possibility of creating a College of Teachers was first raised in the Royal Commission on Learning, a provincial study calling for radical changes to the way Ontario teachers are trained and regulated.

Education and Training Minister John Snobelen said he plans to go ahead with it, bring legislation forward based on the report of a previously established committee.

However, when the former NDP government first announces its intention to act on this component of the Royal commission's findings, teacher unions' representatives said teachers must be involved in the design and mandate of the college.

But Reg Ferland, president of the Ontario Public School Teachers' Federation says none of the concerns expressed by his organizations found their way into the implementation committee's report.

"We made a presentation to [the committee], to ask that the concerns of the teachers be met in some way, but none of those issues were addressed [in the final report]," said Ferland.

He says one of the federation's concerns is the introduction of an additional layer of bureaucracy, something the Tory government says it is attempting to reduce.



As well, says Ferland, one of the main mandates of the college is to act as a punitive, licensing body, with mechanisms to remove teachers from the classroom who are performing at an unsatisfactory level.

He says both his federation and school boards already perform that function.

"The college will decide what teachers don't meet their qualifications, and if they decide a teacher does not meet those qualifications, they can revoke their license [to teach]."

"But the [Ontario Teachers Federation] already recommends that the certificates of bad teachers be removed. [And] school boards have strict evaluation procedures, [and] evaluate teachers every three years.

The college is to have a 31-member council to be made up of 17 teachers and 14 members of the public, the latter will be appointed by the education minister. The members of the public will include representatives of both business and labour, and two deans representing teacher training in post-secondary

education.

The foundation to the college had already been laid. In anticipation of introducing the college, the NDP government appointed Margret Wilson to head the body before it was voted out of office.

Wilson says the new body is important as it will function as a meeting place for the concerns of teachers and members of the public.

"I think it is really important because it provides an opportunity for teachers to meet the public," she says.

Both Ferland and Ontario Teachers' Federation president Ronald Robert say their members are concerned about the make-up of the college's council. The college implementation committee recommended that no elected representatives of the teacher's union be permitted a seat on the council.

Robert says the federation "has no difficulty with the public sitting on the council," but says the ratio is weighed against the interests of the teachers.

Funding Cuts Hurt Small Universities The Most

By Stacey Young
The Varsity (CUP)

Ontario's cuts to post-secondary education will restrict students' academic mobility, according to one university president.

"A big consideration is that fewer students will be academically mobile. They will be unable to go to the place of their choice. Their decisions will be based on financial concerns rather than on academic decisions," said Trent University President Leonard Connelly.

"Students will be unable to go to the university of their choice" due to the rising cost of post-secondary education, he said. "Decisions regarding what university a student will choose will be based on financial consideration rather than on academic considerations."

As Mike Burns, executive director of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Association, agrees. He says students will likely decide to go a

university in the vicinity due to the rising cost of tuition.

And smaller universities in northern Ontario will be the hardest hit, finding themselves unable to compete with urban universities.

"The big schools such as Queen's, Toronto, and Western are able to maximize the discretionary increase, and maximize their revenue. But the Trents, the Carletons, the Lakeheads [and the Laurentians] of the province (will ask themselves), 'can we afford to increase our fees and remain competitive with the bigger schools?'"

"It's a no-win situation" said Burns.

University of Toronto President Rob Prichard says he expects that U of T will be okay, and does not expect a drop in enrollment.

"I think the future of U of T, despite the radical decrease in revenue...will continue to be the nation's preeminent research institution. However tonight, it is crystal clear that the status quo, that is (reliance on) full public funding of (post-secondary) education, is not there."

L.U.'s 4th Annual Model Parliament

by Francois Marier
LUPSA President

The Laurentian University Political Science Association is proud to present the 4th Annual Model Parliament.

The event will be held this weekend on Saturday January 13th and Sunday 14th in the Great Hall. There will also be a gathering of participants in the Pub Friday night the 12th. This year's model parliament is a presentation of the Ontario Legislature and many interesting and controversial topics will be debated.

Therefore the government

is a majority and Conservative with 26 seats and Takis Zervas as Premier. The official opposition are the Liberals with 14 seats and Don Pelletier as Leader and the 3rd party are the New Democrats with 10 seats and Francois Marier as leader.

There are 50 Laurentian students participating in this event and we encourage you to come out to see them in action. The topics being debated are: a Throne Speech, a Budget, Bill 7, LCBO Privatization, Legal Aid Reform and Funding Levels for colleges and universities. There will also be two Question periods.

For more information come see LUPSA in the Club's Room and make it a point to come see the students of Laurentian in action.

OCUFA Condemns Ryerson Suspension

OCUFA Forum

OCUFA President Michael Piva has condemned the suspension of Ryerson Polytechnic University part-time professor Gerald Hannon. Hannon was suspended in November after a series of Toronto Sun columns criticized his earlier writings on intergenerational sex and his part-time occupation as a prostitute. His union, CUPE, has grieved the suspension, the Ryerson Faculty Association has demanded his reinstatement, and CAUT President Joyce Lorimer has called the suspension unwarranted.

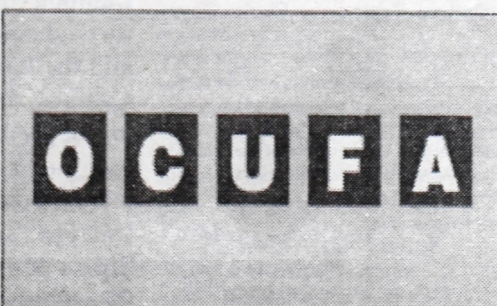
Excerpts from Piva's November 30 letter: "Academic freedom, if it means anything, is designed to protect those whose views are controversial or unpopular. Any arbitrary action to discipline faculty members for their views for their

views without regard for due process is a violation of academic freedom..."

"In this case there has been no criminal charge, no criminal conviction, and no determination that Mr. Hannon's private views and activities have in any way negatively affected his performance of workload duties. Such a determination can only be made after a proper investigation based upon factual evidence and respect for due process. To take disciplinary action prior to an investigation, particularly in a case in which, as I understand it, there has

been no performance of workload duties, is unacceptable. Any discipline taken without a specific complaint, without evidence generated in a proper investigation can only be seen as an arbitrary violation of academic freedom..."

"I recognize your concern for reputation of the University. I, however, fear that arbitrary discipline taken in response to newspaper headlines and prior to proper investigation does far more harm to the reputation of your University as a defender of academic freedom."



Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations

Welcome Back. Lambda has started up again for the new year and we are again looking for writers. Stop by SCE 301.

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Things to Remember

by Dominic Vidmar
Editor-in-Chief

It's the start of a new year and all is well. Actually, it's more a case of same shit, different year. Tuition, student loans, class schedule conflicts and bookstore lineups are still here and we still have to try and cope with them.

I'm not going to bore you with the usual "welcome back" platitudes. I will list some things that we at Lambda feel that you, gentle reader, should keep in mind as this new term begins. So here is Lambda's Top Eleven

Things to Keep in Mind for a New Year.

11. The Bookstore does not run the Buy-Back program. This is a separate company that is invited to come and purchase used textbooks from students. If you're not happy with the price offered, complain to them, not the Bookstore.

10. OSAP lineups will be nuts for this week. If you can wait (yeah, right) until next week for your loan documents, this might be a good thing.

9. Continuing the OSAP train-of-thought. The staff in Student Awards do not make the final decisions as to who gets what. The Ministry of Education does that. Yelling at the

staff is not only counter-productive, it's bad for your blood pressure. Talk to them about the appeal process and see how they can help you.

8. Email accounts are available to students. Remember, you need your student id card; if you don't have your student id, a driver's license and your student number will suffice.

7. The Pub DownUnder is now serving Okanagan Apple Cider. Yum, yum.

6. The deadline to drop courses for the Winter term is February 28. These are for 3-credit courses. The deadline to drop full year, or 6-credit, courses is February 2. After these dates, you'll get an "F". There are no course changes allowed after January 12.



5. Get involved or don't bitch.

4. Parking in the Pit will still be a nuisance and, quite literally, a pain in the neck as you try to navigate the potholes.

3. Varsity athletics including Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's Hockey, OWIAA swimming championships at LU and Men's

Volleyball are all going strong this term. Get out there and cheer on the Vees.

2. Traffic on Ramsey Lake Road on Tuesday and Thursday mornings will still be insane. Try to give yourself enough time so you're not stuck on the road as your class is starting.

1. Lambda comes out every Thursday.

SPACE FOR RANT

Dear Dr. Pearson:

Upon having spoken with the rest of the Executive of the Students' General Association as well as a few members of the association, I regret to inform you that I will not be able to accompany you to the City Council budget hearing session today [January 8], as had been planned. Although I appreciate your attempts to explain to me the rationale behind the University offering to pay the City for \$16,000 worth of service improvements on top of the \$500,000 in guaranteed revenue stemming from the implementation of the universal

bus pass, the Students' General Association is not convinced that this is the best negotiating position for the University to put itself in if we want the very best service for our students.

At the Friday meeting of the TRI Sub-committee, Colin Williams, Manager of Transportation Services stated quite clearly that the City was willing to put forth the \$16,000 in order to increase transit service to Laurentian. The SGA believes that Mr. Williams' statement represents a fair concession by the City to induce Laurentian to pursue the bus pass

earnestly. If the City truly wants to receive half of a million dollars in guaranteed revenue from our students then perhaps they will freely put \$16,000 into increased service as an act of good faith. For representatives of the University to volunteer to pay for increased service after the city has already said it would do so, smacks of our own insecurity in our negotiating position. Particularly in this political/economic climate, we do not believe that this University should be in the business of providing bus service.

The SGA is alarmed by the perspective that the University and several individuals have indicated in this process so far. The prominent concern expressed appears to be whether the University is doing enough for the City in pursuing a bus pass system. No one, save perhaps the SGA and the AEF, has shown any interest in what degree the City is willing to provide a

quality and dynamic service to the students of Laurentian University. Other Ontario universities, including Guelph and Trent, have special arrangements with their transit providers including "special events busses" and weekend service for on-campus students. No attempt to secure any special arrangements, which would make the bus pass more palatable to our students — has been pursued to date. In fact, Mr. Williams indicated that it may not be possible for Sudbury Transit to maintain existing service, specifically mentioning the cancellation of the now meager Sunday service and the prospect of further fare hikes in 1997. The overwhelming perspective gained from my own observations, is that the University administration, and a few members of faculty and staff, have more interest in the present bus pass project than those who will be paying for the "service" — our students.

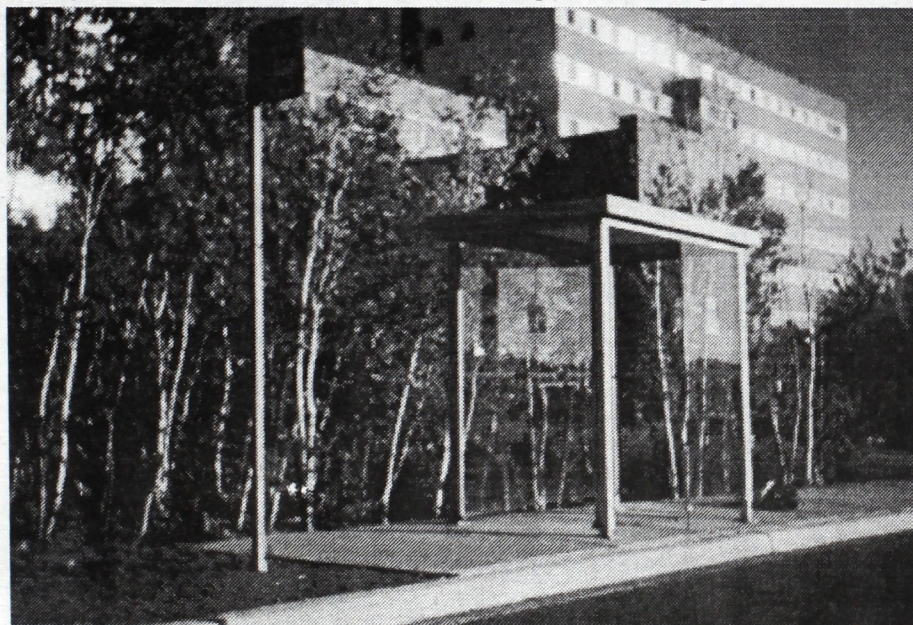
Like you, I agree that the fiscal climate of municipalities may prevent the City from ultimately putting forth the \$16,000 for service improvements to the university as they have suggested. However, Laurentian University is in no better position to do so. It would be very sad indeed if accessibility to this university in the form of scholarships

and grants, teaching excellence and/or existing services had to be compromised by \$16,000 because a few members of the University felt we should be assisting the City to provide a quality of service they should already be committed to.

Please do not interpret this as an indication that the SGA, nor myself for that matter, are not committed in principle to the investigation, and ultimately the attainment of a bus pass system for our students. Given the indications by the City that they are willing to pay for the increased service we require, the lack of indications that "special services" will be negotiated in the future, and the current fiscal climate at Laurentian, we are unable to endorse plans by the University to volunteer to pay the \$16,000 in lieu of the City. If you and Mr. Chrysler are willing to reconsider Laurentian's negotiating position, I would be happy to discuss this with the SGA Board.

Again, I would like to express my personal apologies for you for how these circumstances have presented themselves. I hope that our decision in no way inconveniences you.

Sincerely,
Kevin Dorse, Vice President External



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Enter Stage Right

by Gord Gekko
Columnist

If you've kept half an ear open during the last year or so, you've heard the words 'flat tax' a fair bit. Championed by diverse people from some differing political stripes, the Flat Tax concept maybe more of a reality than some think. So what is it?

The concept is simple. As income tax stands now, different income levels carry different levels of income tax. Some people of all income levels get away with paying less tax due to loop holes in the code. It costs \$2.2 billion to keep Revenue Canada and its 40 000 bureaucrats employed to make sure, or attempt to make sure, that the federal government gets its pound of flesh. Add to that the unknown numbers of people, such as lawyers and tax preparers, who also make their living due to the pain of making sure we complete our 'obligation' to society.

The flat tax would promise to change that. By implementing a single income tax, anywhere from 15 to 25% with low income earners paying *nothing*, more money would be brought in (depending on the tax rate and the model used). The tax code itself would shrink from the over 2 300 pages it stands at now to a few pages. Instead of filling out complicated forms, you could fill out a post card sized form in minutes.

The class warfare specialists out there are no doubt already shouting that this system would end up allowing the rich to become richer and the poor to be taxed even higher. That is flatly untrue. The flat tax is a progressive tax. The higher your income, the more tax you pay. Couple the flat tax with personal and dependent deductions, and would we merely have the fairest tax code possible.

Want an example? We have two individuals. Joe Businessman earns \$100 000 and Martha Poorhaus makes \$20 000. Joe takes a \$8 000 personal deduction. Let's pretend that the income tax rate is set at 20%. Taking his modified income of \$92 000, multiplying it by .20 we have a tax bill of \$18 400. Because of the deduction, Joe actually pays 18.4% in tax.

Martha also takes a \$8 000 deduction plus a \$2 000 deduction for her dependent child, which leaves her with a taxable income of \$10 000. Again, multiplying it by .20, Martha's tax bill comes to \$2 000. Her *actual* income tax percentage would be 10%.

With no loop holes, these bills are *real*. Deductions for spurious reasons are gone. Administration costs for figuring out what's fake or spurious are nearly nothing.

Business too would pay a guaranteed tax bill. Aside from a few deductions for the legitimate cost of doing business, the cost of benefits and salaries, business would also pay the exact same rate as individuals. This would end some businesses

getting away with paying no or little tax.

The flat tax would simplify the tax system, reduce administration costs and treat all tax payers equally. It would also discourage cheating since some people deal in the underground economy (which I've heard to be in the neighborhood of \$100 billion) because of the lack of fairness in the current tax code.

The flat tax would also be a moral victory. It is immoral to take more from a successful person. Ask yourself, without the accompanying emotional baggage that society mets out, whether it is correct to punish the men and women of intellect and production. Ask yourself whether it is moral to punish someone for being successful and giving you a job. Ask yourself if it is moral to force someone to act as a tax collector for the government, since that is what you and businesses are forced to do. If you don't think you're forced, don't send in your T4 next year. No doubt Ray Marks would tell you it is moral and justified.

I personally consider a forced income tax to be immoral, but the flat tax would be a step in dismantling the 1 000 pound gorilla called Revenue Canada. Before that happens, fundamental changes in our society have to occur. We have to realize that feeding the secondhanders at the expense of the producers is wrong. We have to realize that punishing these peoples is *wrong*. Any ideology based on this is evil.

There are some down sides



to the flat tax (see, I am fair). Some reports show that the middle class could end up paying a bit more than what they do now. Another downside would be the amount of people who can no longer ride on the back of the tax code. While it saddens me to see lawyers and tax preparers lose business (that by the way is sarcasm), their sacrifice (a word lefties love to use) would spur economic growth.

And let's not forget Revenue Canada. As much as I love the civil service (yes, more sarcasm), we need a lot less of them. Maybe less bureaucrats would cut down on the number of letters I get telling me how Revenue Canada screwed up *again*. Recently, our friends at the taxation centre told me that I had actually earned income roughly 15 times what I reported. After I corrected the problem for them, I got another letter near the end of December telling me

that I still owed them a bit of money. Notably, the advocates of the poor didn't speak out for me...

I'm not giving an Earth is Flat Award this week, although there were a number of candidates for this most prestigious of awards (Alan Rock was one of the front runners). Instead, I'd like to recognize a Canadian for asserting his freedom, specifically his economic freedom. David Sawatzky was accused of illegally exporting grain. What Sawatzky is trying to do is challenge the Canadian Wheat Board's monopoly over wheat and barley exports. Because of his assertion of his own economic freedom, Sawatzky faced a \$100 000 fine and six months in jail. Due to the holidays I didn't hear what happened to him, but I hope for all our sakes he was exonerated.

Tales From The Left

by Ray Marks
Columnist

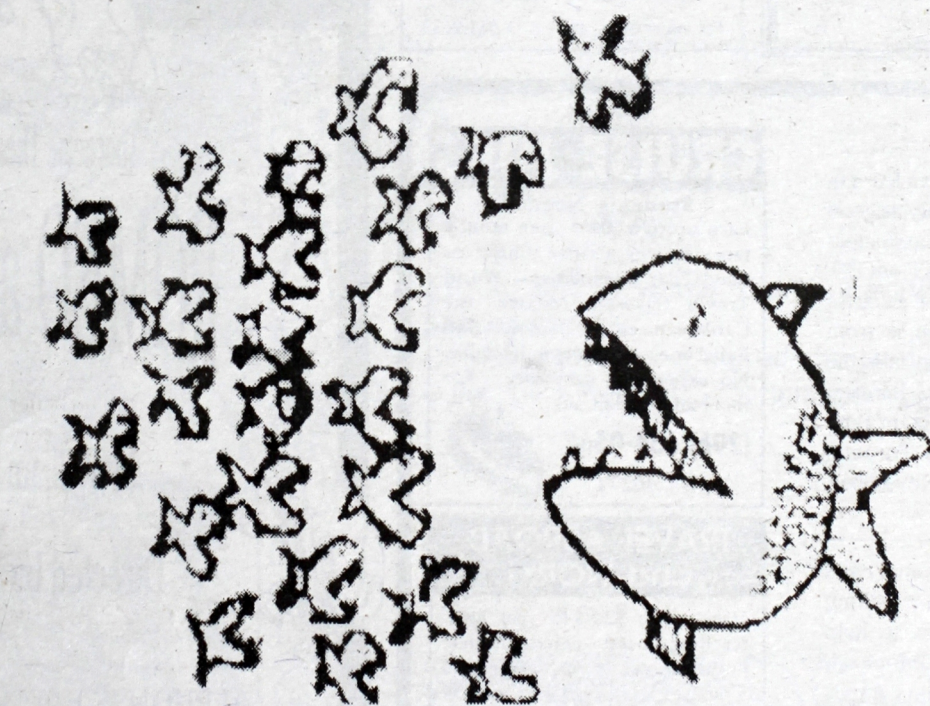
I trust that everybody had a well rested and much deserved holiday. Even though politics is a topic that should always be avoided during family gatherings but I hope that your tales from the left were good.

I'd like to devote this week to our friends to the south. They haven't had much success lately with there federal government.

As the movements that are visited every year by millions of tourists and federal government agencies are shut down, the American people are finding it difficult to blame someone. There is no clear person that should be held accountable. The showdown in Washington DC is between President Clinton and the Republican Congress.

The G.O.P. led by characters such as Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole have begun to slump in the polls. Especially after some evidence came out that Newt may be doing this out of personal reasons. The American people have always been shrewd voters but I don't think the Republicans will win this one.

Of course the Democrats have their problems. The year 1995



saw most senators in U.S. history decide that they will not seek reelection in 1996. All of the Democrats. Therefore, they now must do battle for those seats that were once safe.

There has been a lot of talk lately that people want a change. But I don't believe the American people are already or willing to pay the price of change that comes with that type

of change. both Republicans and Democrats have acted poorly on the budget debate but the majority of the blame lies with the Republican Congress. A recent poll showed that 44% of American believe the government shutdown is the fault of the Republican congress, 33% blame the Whitehouse and the President and 17 % blame both. But there is a growing number of people who blame

both as the stakes and political risks grow higher.

The shutdown has affected even the most basic services and many people have been working without pay for weeks. Things such as Veteran's hospital, dangerous work site inspections and toxic waste treatment have slowed down or ceased for the time being. But they continue to play the blame

game. Yes, I do believe that the budget must be balanced but not the way the Republicans want to do it. I must side with the President on this one although he is not the best representative of social-democracy.

The decay and corrosion of the American government, way of life and society has worsened in recent years. The legacy that the political figures carry on will simply become the "fall of the American empire". I'm quite sure Congress and the Whitehouse could have taken a little pay cut along with it's employees until this is resolved but it didn't.

Simply another example of a system gone mad and of perverted democracy. Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole are decadent in their nature and so are the 12 Republicans running for the nomination to take on President Clinton in the election this year. We shall see how the people will voice their anger and who will be left standing after high noon has passed.

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hope to raise \$30 million. We are targeting our alumni and other major companies that have been partners with us for years," Tony Whitworth, University of Saskatchewan's VP-finance, explained.

Harold Squires, director of budgets and audits at Memorial University, said Newfoundland's university works to improve accessibility to post-secondary education. "We implemented a program named the Memorial Undergraduate Career Experience Program. Initially we took \$500,000 from the tuition and used this to hire students [part-time] to help fund their financial problems and give them career experience. [The fund] is now \$850,000 per year."

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Campus Ministry

Upcoming Events: Thursday, Jan. 18th @ 7:00pm Ecumenical celebration for the Christian Unity Week, Thornloe Chapel. Sunday Jan 21st Visit to Cecil Facer Correctional Centre- A time to support young offenders during their sentence. For info, contact room L233 or call Ronald Perron @ 673-5661.

Policy Change

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All students must register in advance for the next Writing Competency Test-which will be held Sat. Mar. 30, 1996. Present student card when registering in person at the Language Centre--A121 in the Bowling Alley across from Tim Horton's. There will be only two WCT sessions: 9:00am--11:00am and 7:00pm 7:00pm--9:00pm in the Great Hall. For more information, contact the Language Centre at 675-1151 ext. 4111.

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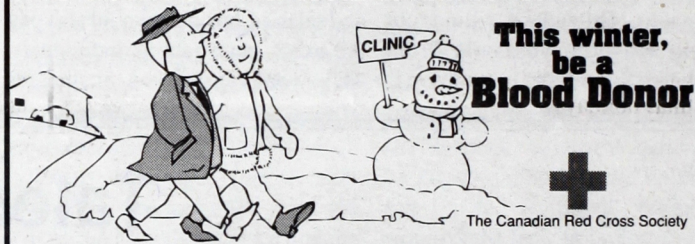
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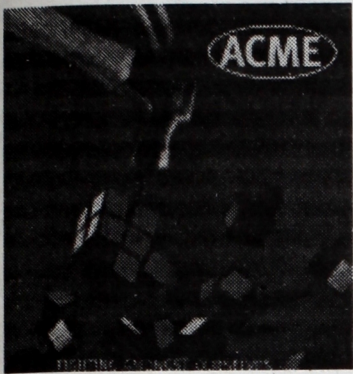
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ACME Fighting Amongst Ourselves

by Dan Scott
Staff Writer

With a name like ACME, you expect mass-produced American product—or maybe some truly destructive but defective weapons especially seductive to gifted canines. The album itself defines acme as “the highest point.” In truth, this Guelph-based band falls somewhere in between all of these

as a mix of MOR alternative (conscious of the irony) in the initial tracks, and gritty, “real” music in the latter songs.

The firmly established convention of guitars, bass, and drums results in a range from an almost toe-tappingly upbeat (Green Day) style in the early going to loud, angry music. The vocalists sport reverb soaked soulful voices that manage to intone “screams that burn the wintertime” in a rhythmic but none-too-disturbing fashion.

The album’s sound subversively helps the listener gloss over the lyrics, some of which are quite brilliant. I especially enjoyed the tone of “Duel,” about the inescapable artificiality of relating, and the album stand-out “Papa,” dedicated to destroying the pretensions of the alternative clique: “You always wear a frown because your fashion says so... It’s the date to destroy the state—do it before it’s too late / Because Fugazi said so.”

If you’re feeling guilty and need a dose of Can-Con, this album’s a good choice. You can play a couple

of tracks at your next party without calling too much attention to your taste in music, because ACME have put out a pretty, polished, strong recording in *Fighting Amongst Ourselves* that blends well with the current pop-music scene.

ACME can be contacted at
SS Records, Suite 212, 3-304 Stone
Road West, Guelph.



redsugar zero

by Dan Scott
Staff Writer

This ain’t your typical alternapop feel-good music, kids. Excerpt one is an eight-minute dirge set to a slowly mounting and diminishing violin line, lent strength by minimalist drums and mournful dobro. The vocalist intones his lyrics a breath above

a whisper— “Shape of things to come... shape of things to come undone.” You want to become depressed just so you can fully appreciate the effect.

This Kamloops-based band takes things a step further in their second “excerpt”—twelve minutes of gravelly blues vocals on top of excerpt one’s melody line, orchestrated this time for a web of distorted guitars and full drum explorations reminiscent of a good psychedelic Dead / Floyd jam. Broken down to near silence, it resurrects itself via backwards crescendo into full blue energy.

Dynamic.

“There is always a hidden agenda” goes one line in *zero*, and I have to wonder what this album’s is. The band shows a gift for crafting compelling music, and they have deliberately produced an uncommercial disc. True artistry? Well, they’re worth a listen, especially if you’re in a torpor of depression / anger and can’t do anything about it.

Write bangon records at
544 -810 West Broadway,
Vancouver, B.C. to get yourself a copy.

CFLR CHART FOR THE WEEK OF January 1, 1996

TW	LW	#WKS	ARTIST	TITLE	LABEL/DIST
1	2	3	Various Artists	Saturday Morning Cartoons	MCA
2	4	4	*5 Knuckle Chuckle	Charlee Horse	Raw Energy
3	1	9	*Nomesno	The Worldhood Of The World	Alt. Tentacles
4	14	4	7 Seconds	alt.music.hardcore	Headhunter
5	15	2	*Dayglo Abortions	Little Man in the Canoe	God Records
6	-	re	Resin Scraper	Harmful if Swallowed	Mag Wheel
7	-	re	*Shoebox Coupons	EH	Indie CD
8	3	6	*The McRackins	S.T.U.P.I.D.	Lance Rock
9	5	8	The Vacant Lot	Shake Well	Shake
10	7	5	*Crash 13	Hitchhikers Guide to Glengai	RightWide
11	15	6	Welt	Better Days	Doctor Dream
12	-	re	Test Dept.	Totality	Kk Records
13	13	5	*Teenage Head	Head Disorder	LoudRock
14	16	13	*The Sweaters	Let Me Out	Nefer
15	18	3	Tribe 8	Roadkill Cafe	Alt. Tentacles
16	21	2	*Funbox	New Theme	Crack
17	20	5	*Knuckledusters/Stinkies	Split 7"	Trophy
18	8	11	*gob	too late . . . no friends	Mint
19	10	3	Wannabes	Popsucker	Dejadisc
20	-	nu	Raw Stylus	Pushing Against the Flow	MCA
21	-	nu	Farside	ep	Revelation
22	6	6	Grabbers	The Way I Am	Doctor Dream
23	-	nu	Life After Life	7"	Alt. Tentacles
24	9	5	*Facepuller	Unauthorized Volume Dealer	BangOn

*Denotes Canadian Artists

WHAT'S ON AROUND TOWN

Thursday, January 11th

Tonight would be a good night to go to the Pub and get reacquainted with all of those people you missed over the Christmas holidays.

Friday, January 12th

The newly-reunited Wharf Rats will play the Laforge Hall at U of S tonight, so be there. Watch the X-Files and find out what madcap adventures Mulder and Scully find themselves involved in.

Saturday, January 13th

Check out Tristan Psionic with Smoother at the Towne House tonight. They are just two of the new up and coming bands off of the Sonic Unyon record label and they rock!

Sunday, January 14th

Kick back and relax with the Simpsons. They are always good for a laugh, especially after a tense first week back at school.

Monday, January 15th

Must watch Melrose Place tonight and find out what is going on. Then, watch This Hour Has 22 Minutes at 9.

Tuesday, January 16th

Cheap night! Try to see Grumpier Old Men with Jack Lemmon and Walter Mathau or the cute Toy Story. Both are worth the \$4.25.

Wednesday, January 17th

If Beverly Hills 90210 and Party of Five don't interest you, you can go dancing at Mingles if you are aching to do something.

HONEY CHICKEN WINGS

3 lbs	Chicken wings	1500 g
2 tbsp	Oil	30 ml
1 cup	Honey	250 ml
1/2 cup	Soya sauce	125ml
1 clove	Garlic crushed	1
2 tbsp	Ketchup	30 ml

1. Cut off tips of wings, then cut wings into 2, sprinkle with salt and pepper and oil.
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The Corruption Quiz

With the dawn of a brand new year, it is time to reflect on what (and who) you did in 1995. So, here is the new and improved quiz for you to judge yourself with. Oh, and it's impossible to score lower than you did last year.

Intoxication

1. Ever tried alcohol? (1)
2. Ever been drunk? (2)
3. Ever play drinking games? (2)
4. Ever fall down because you drank too much? (3)
5. Ever drink enough to throw up? (4) On yourself? (+1) On another person? (+2)
6. Ever wake up and not remember what you did the night before? (5) Bonus: Ever wake up in another city and not remember how you got there? (+9)
7. Ever been forcibly removed from a bar? (5)
8. Ever participated in a pub crawl?

10. Ever fall asleep/pass out in a bar? (4)
11. On a dance floor? (5)
12. During sex? (4)
13. When entering your favourite bar, does everyone call out your name? (6)

Illegalities

14. Ever been arrested? (6)
- Convicted? (+3)
15. Ever been in a riot? Caused a riot? (+4)
16. Ever caused more than \$1000 worth of property damage? (8)
17. Ever had to leave the country suddenly? (9)
18. Ever been considered a menace to society by a public official? (10)

Alternative

Consumables

19. Ever try pot, hash, 'shrooms, licking toads, peyote skins, morning

Recreational

- least twice a week? (6) More than 4 times a week? (+2)
21. Do you spend more money on drugs than on food or tuition? (9)
22. Ever sold drugs? (4) To a minor? (+2)
23. Ever sold drugs to support a drug habit? (7)
24. Ever used uppers/downers? (6)
25. Ever used hallucinogens? (7)
26. Ever used crack, cocaine, or heroine? (8)
27. Ever been stoned and/or drunk for more than 48 hours? (8)
28. Ever forgotten the events of month or more of your life due to intoxication? (9)

Filthy Passions

29. Ever been on a date? (1)
30. Ever been felt up/groped? (2)
31. Ever masturbated? (2) To orgasm? (+1) In front of someone else? (+3) In public? (+4)
32. Ever been masturbated? (2) To orgasm? (+1)
33. Ever masturbated while talking on the phone? (4)
34. Ever participated in group phone sex? (5)
35. Ever watched a porno? (2) Been in a porno? (+6)
36. Ever had sex? (5)
37. How old were you when you first had sex? Under 15? (5) 15-18? (4) 19-21? (3) 22+? (2)
38. Ever had a one-night stand? (6) Did you sneak out the morning after? (+3)
39. Ever had a bath or shower with another person? (6)
40. Ever paid for sex? (7)
41. Ever recorded a sexual sexual act in which you participated? (Answering machine messages count) (6)

- pregnant? (8)
48. Do you have any body part pierce besides ears and nose? (7)
49. Ever shaved/dyed pubic hairs (yours or others)? (6)
50. Ever had sex in front of people without suspecting? (8)
51. Ever been so loud during sex that your neighbours complained? (7)
52. Did your neighbours start a petition? (+3)
53. Ever had sex with 2 or more partners in a week? (7)
54. Ever had sex with more than one partner at a time? (8)
55. Ever fantasized with during sex about someone besides your present partner? (6)
56. Ever had sex with a virgin? (7)
57. Ever explicitly described a sexual act to your religious leader? (7)
58. Ever had sex in a public place? (5) Bonus: a church, cemetery, dance floor, public washroom, or Skydome box with the curtains open? (+4 each)
59. Ever had sex outside? (7)
60. Ever had sex with a cop? (8)
61. Ever get scratch marks or carpet burns from a sexual acts? (7)
62. Ever broken a major kitchen appliance during sex? (8)
63. Ever photocopied your own genitalia? (7)
64. Ever used organic substances

- during sex? (8)
65. Ever purchased and used sex toys? (7)
66. Ever licked and/or had someone lick an eyeball? (2) toes (+2)? ears (+2)? molars (+3)?
67. Ever practiced bondage, masochism, sadism, or semi-strangulation for enhanced sexual gratification? (8)
68. Ever had sex with someone primarily because they looked like you? (9)
69. Ever used small rodents in a sexual act? (10)
70. Does necrophilia (12), bestiality (12), or Jacques Parizeau/Nell Carter (20) turn you on?

Scoring Guide

- 0-50 Get thee to a nunnery.
51-100 A score only a mother can love.
101-150 Owner of a platinum opal frequent flier card.
151-200 You've done your fair share of exploration within the realm of the senses and remember that is always room for enhancement.
201-250 There are 12-step programs for people like you... Look into it.
251-300 Go straight to hell. Do not pass go.
300+ You're lying. Unless—Parizeau?— You're truly sick!



- (2)
9. Do you drink regularly, at least 3 times a week? (3) Bonus: 1 point for each additional day, maximum 7 points
- glory seeds, tea leaves, cough syrup, rubbing alcohol, airplane glue, after shave, or Graval with the intention of getting wasted? (4 each)
20. Do you do drugs regularly, at

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42. Everengage in oral sex? (6) Toorgasm? (+1)
43. Everengage in anal sex? (6) Toorgasm? (+1)
44. Everengage in the 69 position? (6)
45. Ever contracted an STD? (6)
46. Everhad sex without a contraceptive? (6)
47. Ever been pregnant or made someone



Riding the



by Steve Martinovich
Staff Writer

I've gotten a few requests to explain again the basics of using your Internet account, and it being the new year perhaps it would be a good idea to go over it again to familiarize people who may have just started using their account.

To have a basic proficiency with your account, there are three basic areas that you'll want to know how to use. You'll want to use the USENET, the World Wide Web and email. It may look intimidating without the fancy Windows or Mac OS you may use at home, but with a little use you'll be flying through it in no time at all.

USENET, or the news groups, is the basic posting center of the Internet. With thousands of different group sections, if you want to say something, chances are there will be a place for you to say it. Once you've logged on and you see the \$ prompt, simple type **news**. After a few seconds you will be presented with a list of over 2 300 different areas, the ones that Laurentian currently receives. The up and down cursor keys move your little arrow to the specific list, and simply typing in the number (such as 1577 for rec.folk-dancing) of the news group works as well.

Once you've reached the news group you want, simply press enter. Again, after a few seconds, you will be presented with another list, this time of all the posts that people have entered. Your up and down cursor keys also move you through the list, and like the main list, typing in the number of a post will move you to that one immediately. To read a post, again, all you have to do is press enter. Typing **close** allows you to go back to the list of posts in that news group.

To air your views to the potential millions that read USENET posts, type **post**. Follow the directions and you have just become a publisher to the world. To leave USENET, type **exit**. This gets you back the \$ prompt you started off at.

Exploring the World Wide Web (WWW) is easier with a graphic interface, but with a little practice, Laurentian's text access will become second nature. At the \$ prompt, type **lynx**. This connects you to the University of Kansas. For a quick primer on the keys that allow you to navigate the pages you will be linking to, press **h** (and I recommend you do this). To go to a web site, press **g**. You'll be prompted to enter a URL (which stands for Uniform Resource Locator), or address. Try <http://www.cbc.ca>, which links you to the CBC homepage. Your return button or cursor-right key allows you to follow a link, and the cursor-left key goes back the page you were last at. To quit surfing, all you have to do is press **q**.

One of the best features of the Internet is the electronic mail, allowing you to send email to anyone who also has an email address. At the

\$ prompt, type **email**. You'll be presented with a menu that you navigate using the up and down arrow keys. Upon selecting "Send mail to other user", you'll be prompted for that person's email address and then the subject of the email. After filling in that information, you'll be greeted with [EOB]. Press the space bar and then start typing your letter.

Once you've finished, press **Z** while holding down the **CTRL** key. You'll see an asterisk where you type **exit**. Another menu will pop up and you can select "Send mail". Replying to a piece of email is similar. After reading it, just type **reply** and follow the same steps.

To read your email, just type **email** and select "Read your mail". Pressing **return** will cycle you through your email. To delete a piece of mail out of your mail directory, type **delete** at the end of that particular letter.

And that is a quick and dirty primer on using the basic features of your Laurentian account. There are other features you can use (gopher,archie,telnet, etc.), but what you've learned here will give you the basic tools to start using the Internet. Remember also that it is easier to learn while you're using it, so don't let the information here lead you to think that learning to use your account will be a torturous experience. With a little practice you'll be using the Internet like a pro.

A few interesting web sites for you to explore this week. Do human sacrifice, blasphemy, murder, aliens, the apocalypse and more interest you? Then you have to visit "The Parking Lot is Full", a semi-regular cartoon produced by a few people at the University of Waterloo. Bend your mind at <http://www.waterloo.net/~plif/>.

Perhaps the only explanation of how the New Orleans Saints beat my New York Jets (stop laughing), "Voodoo in New Orleans" is a web page that explores the Voodoo scene in the Big Easy. Tour sites and learn some interesting information at <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/LGilbert/voodoo.htm>.

Every single guy can relate to this fun web page devoted to guys with too many female friends. "The Foolproof Guide to Making any Woman Your Platonic Friend" features a guide to what women mean when they say things like "I'm so glad you're my friend". Find out at <http://www.phantom.com/~joelgon/platonic.html>.

"You salivate strongly, like a platoon of army core engineers simultaneously trapped in a fit of malaria". That and other gems can be had at the "Surrealist Compliment Generator". While I'm not exactly sure when you can use these, have one made for you at http://pharmdec.wustl.edu/cgi-bin/jardin_scripts/SCG?.

Hot Web Sites

<http://www.cbc.ca>

<http://www.waterloo.net/~plif/>

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepage/LGilbert/voodoo.htm>

<http://www.phantom.com/~joelgon/platonic.html>

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Behind Closed Doors



Mouthing



What was your New Year's resolution?

Melissa
Stop making fun of people



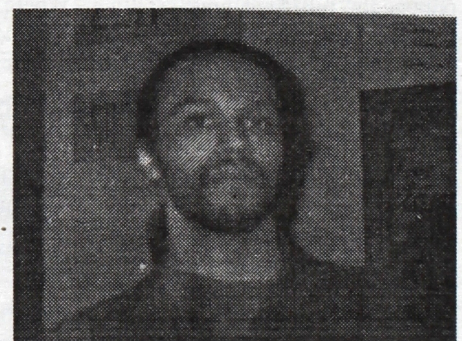
Glen
To become a good role model for the children of Canada.



Judy
I don't make them because it's pointless if you don't intend to keep them.



Steve
To be more generous.



Bryan
To learn to read.

Don't miss the Thorneloe Players doing a modern take on Romeo and Juliet tonight through Saturday at the Alphonse Raymond building

Lady Vees Drop Opener



by Dan Scott
Staff Writer

On Saturday night, the Lady Vees basketball team lost their league opener at home 65-64 to the York Yeowomen.

"They didn't play with the emotion they should," a frustrated head coach Peter Ennis said after the loss. The Lady Vees had a lot of adjustments to make, as third-year center Joy McNichol sat out the game with an injury.

McNichol, the focal point of Laurentian's offence in the pre-season, was sidelined with a shoulder injury during the Waterloo tournament at the close of 1995. Her visit to a Toronto specialist on Tuesday will determine whether more serious measures than rehab will be necessary—but even in the best case scenario, she will not be back before the end of January.

Losing McNichol and her typical 20 points per game means that LU loses the holes created in the opposition's defense by their frequent double-teaming of Joy.

Adding to the Lady Vees' misery were a string of bad calls throughout the game, until the officials responded to the infuriated crowd complaints with what were clearly even-up whistles.

Despite all of these excuses, the Vees still should have been able to win the game. Instead, for most of the game they simply played lousy. The Lady Vees failed to adjust to the increased defensive pressure of their opponents' full-court press, stalling once they broke the press and allowing

York to re-group.

Ice-cold from the floor, with frequent turnovers, the Vees gave "a clinic in how not to box out" according to head coach Peter Ennis. York out-rebounded Laurentian 47-29.

To be fair, in the final minutes of the game Laurentian mounted a hard-fought comeback attempt—but it was simply too little too late. As Shelly Dewar nailed a final three to close the gap to a single point and the last few seconds trailed away, the team's spate of late missed free throws loomed large.

Dewar led the Vees in scoring with 17 points, tying her with York's perennial all-star Karen Jackson. Karen Vos had 14 points, as did Sarah Kieffer (who also brought down 9 rebounds in one of the Lady Vees' few solid performances).

Ennis said that, for his McNichol-less team to return to its winning ways, "our heart has to be in it big-time, all the time."

If the the Lady Vees can not come up with the necessary emotion this weekend, it is going to call their entire identity into question. Fri. night they host Queen's, usually a gimme game—but so too are York games. Sunday brings long-time rivals, the U of T Blues, to the Ben F. Avery. The Blues, ranked 2nd in Canada, 5 places ahead of LU, will be salivating at the thought of encountering a weakened Lady Vees team.

Kudos to the fans in attendance who, though distraught by the sloppy play and laughable officiating, remained vocally involved until the very end. Curses to the Voyageur mascot, who disappeared during the second half. Where was he when his team needed him the most?

Vees Slip Past York

by Aonghus Kealy
Sports Editor

Going into 1996, our Men's Basketball team was ranked 10th in the country. Last Saturday, they hosted the York Yeomen in their home opener, but without guard Shawn Swords. The Vees' star veteran injured his right ankle in the second of two games in a Halifax tournament and still managed to receive MVP honours that weekend. This was a match to be remembered.

The Vees and Yeomen were close in the early stages of the first half. The lead switched sides several times before Laurentian built a 14 point bulge from some timely defensive turnovers and tight play. The Yeomen were forced to throw long passes which did not always reach the intended receiver. Point guard Wilton Hall threw a pass for forward Kevin Diedrick that sailed over Diedrick's head and outstretched hands and out of bounds.

Suddenly, it was the Vees that were passing carelessly. Hall led his Yeomen back into the game by dishing passes to his players inside the key. The Yeomen were down by only six at the half, 44-38.

Early in the second, the comeback continued as Hall fed guard Nathan Aryev on the perimeter who subsequently drained a three-pointer to take the lead at 49-48. The score was tight the rest of the way.

The Vees pressed back. Vee forward Adam Dusome pulled down his own rebound and pushed the ball back against the glass and in from tight quarters and drew the foul. Dusome finished with 17 points.

With five minutes left, the Ben Avery Gymnasium was silent as guard Cory Bailey threw from the perimeter. The crowd exploded as the ball swished. Bailey finished with an impressive 21 points and 10 rebounds. Anthony Malcolm hit one of two foul shots with a minute to go;

the Vees led 80-76.

Hall, who led the Yeomen's defense and attack all game, connected again with Aryev who dropped the trey; York within one point.

The last half minute was the longest of the game as the Vees desperately tried to hold on to the ball. York's Hall, Aryev, and forward John Poulimenos all had glorious opportunities, but the Vees held on to win 80-79.

Coach Campbell praised the play of his rookies. "The kids played

well. This win was a big accomplishment for us, especially with Swords out." Campbell added that the pressure Swords usually has must be distributed throughout the team until his return in order to be successful. He may be back next week but it is more likely that he will return against Ryerson in Toronto the week after.

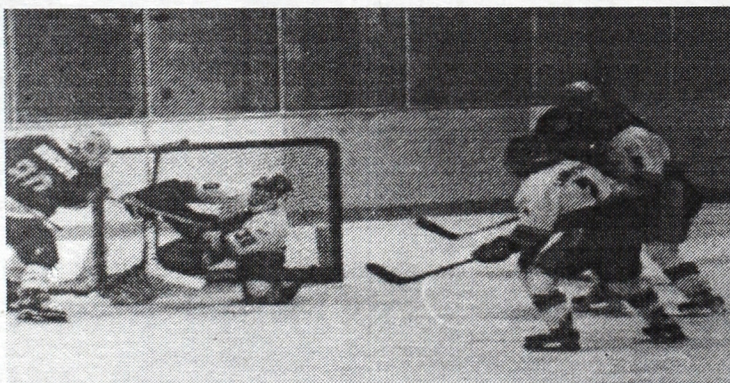
The Basketball Vees play Friday against Queen's at 6:15 p.m. and Saturday against U of T at 2:00 p.m. Both games are at the Ben Avery Gymnasium. Be there!



Shawn Swords should return to lay up against Ryerson again in two weeks.

Vees Hockey Transactions

by Lianne Gagnon
Assistant Sports Editor



A new semester begins and the Hockey Vees take to the ice in the new year to continue the second half of the seasons. While we stuffed our faces and enjoyed our holiday, the Laurentian hockey team was on the road only a few days after Christmas for the Concordia Tournament. Unfortunately, the guys did not do as well as they hoped, but what do you expect after a couple weeks of no practice and ten extra pounds of turkey? However, coach Dave Hyrsky contributes his team's poor performance to a lack of discipline and a problem with defence. "We are capable of playing with any team in the country, but unless every player does their job, we can't," said Hyrsky. The Voyageurs were in

Toronto on Friday, January 5th and hammered the York Yeomen by a score of 6-1. Kiley Hill and Darren Dougan both netted a pair while goalie Sean Spencer made some amazing saves to assure the Vees' victory. Laurentian's Hockey Vees now solely lead the OUAA Mid-West Division. They shared the lead with York at the end of 1995.

A few new players will be suiting up for the second half of the season. Hyrsky is hopeful that these

new players will help improve the team. Forwards David Gartshore and Mike Carr, and goaltender Dave Roche will be added to the roster.

Both Gartshore and Carr are former Hockey Vees. Gartshore, a defensive forward, has played with Lake Superior State and right winger Carr played for the OHL's Ottawa 67's. Goalie Dave Roche played with the Orillia Terriers of the Tier two Junior A league.

Coach Dave Hyrsky and

Laurentian Athletic Director Stu Duncan are trying to find a way to convince two other players to join the team: Sault Ste. Marie native Paul Spina and Jiri Vanis from the Czech Republic.

Defenceman Paul Spina, who refused a scholarship at the University of Northern Michigan, would prove to be an asset to the Vees. "He's a fantastic defenceman and he could quarterback our powerplay," Hyrsky said.

Jiri Vanis, who played with the Lindsay Muskies of the Tier two Junior A league, is currently at home in the Czech Republic and the Vees are working on getting him here. Although Hyrsky would love to see him in a Vees' jersey, he knows it is a long shot and he is not holding his breath.

The Vees will be on the road again this weekend where they will meet Laurier on Sat., Jan. 13th and Waterloo on Sun., Jan. 14th. Good luck guys!



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World Soccer News

by Takis Zervas
Columnist

Happy New Year, my soccer friends! Welcome back to another semester of school and another semester of fanatic WORLD SOCCER NEWS! I hope Santa was as good to you as he was to me. Even though we all had our holidays, the soccer scene never ends and I am here to fill you in on the crazy soccer news whether it is gossip, fact, or a tale.

A Real Betis supporter in Spain has given new meaning to the expression 'die-hard fan.' He has remained faithful to his late father's final wishes and takes the dead man's ashes to each game - in a used milk carton. Why a milk carton, you may ask? Well, he was stopped by security when he initially tried to take the ashes to the games in a glass container. Security officials claimed the container constituted a dangerous object. Although the man died last year, the son has also renewed his father's club membership for this season which entitles the milk carton containing the ashes to a seat in Benito Villamarin Stadium in Seville.

Angolan soccer has been rocked by the murder of Goiko Zec, the Serbian coach of the country's most popular club, Petro Atletico. Two men, who were later arrested by Angolan police, followed the 49-year-

old into his apartment block and strangled him with a sheet. Nothing was stolen. Zec, who arrived in Angola in 1991 after spells with Red Star Belgrade and Partizan Belgrade, was one of the most successful foreign coaches in Angola. It has been suggested that Zec may have been killed by rival fans, envious of his club's success.

An Italian amateur player has been given a one-match ban... nine days after he was shot dead outside a bar in southern Italy. Luigi Colucci, 23, was killed while pulling down the shutters of his bar in an incident which appeared to be connected with a mafia extortion racket. He had been sent off the previous week while playing in the Calabrian amateur league. Nino Cosentino, president of the regional league, said the posthumous ban was unavoidable since the referee's report had been submitted before the shooting.

If you have not heard, Ajax beat Brazilian team Gremio by a penalty shoot-out after a 0-0 full-time game for the World Club Cup. Ajax captain Danny Blind scored the winning penalty. Victory took Ajax's record unbeaten Champions League run to 16 matches.

In Italy, the national side have lost just six of 44 games played under Arrigo Sacchi's charge, yet still the fans are unhappy with him. Sometimes it's tough being Italian national team coach. Mind you, a salary of \$9.6 million over a four-year period probably eases the pain for the current incumbent, Arrigo

Sacchi. The former Milan coach has been in charge of the Italian team since November of 1991. They have qualified for both next summer's European Championships in England and the USA '94 World Cup, a competition in which Italy, of course, went all the way to the final, losing out to Brazil only in a penalty shoot-out. You would think that such a record keeps the critics off a coach's back. Not in this case. Sacchi's Italian side have never fully convinced a whole range of critics, Italian and non. They argue that with the player talent and Federation support available to him, Sacchi should have produced a side capable of winning and doing so in style by now. I believe Sacchi has stopped to experiment with players to obtain consistency. He must do this to succeed. In his 44 games, he has used no fewer than 70 players, giving first caps to 48 of them while 82 have received squad call-ups... Sampdoria forward Roberto Mancini, the subject of transfer speculation, did not play for five games until Samp's December 23 game against Napoli after receiving the ban, which is the heaviest punishment of the current Serie A season, for his sending-off against Inter on November 5.

In Spain, President of Real Madrid, Ramon Mendoza, was forced out of office 10 and a half years after first being elected. His departure signals the end of an era for Real Madrid. The new Real president is Lorenzo Sanz who was previously vice-president and may have had a say in the firing... It's been pantomime



time at Oviedo and Atletico Madrid as the two clubs battle for Spartak Moscow skip-out Viktor Onopko. Spanish clubs have been sniffing at the Spartak door since Onopko was named Footballer of the Year in 1992. Onopko had initially signed a contract with Oviedo but wants to play in Madrid with Atletico. Onopko thought it would be no problem to get out of Oviedo's contract because it contains a get-out clause if a better offer came from another club. Actually, the other team has to pay \$10 million compensation. The transfer saga continues.

In Paraguay, Olimpia won the First Division's second round following their success in the first. Two of their internationals, Adriano Samaniago and Gabriel Gonzalez, have copied Diego Maradona and brought their hairstyles in line with

club colours. They have bleached their mops white with black streaks.

In Egypt, former Dutch international Ruud Krol, who played club soccer at Ajax, Napoli, and Cannes will coach Egypt in the Nations Cup Finals in South Africa. Mohsen Salah, the previous coach, will remain on staff. Former coach Taha Ismail has left Egypt to take up a coaching position at Al Khaleej in the United Arab Emirates.

Quote of the week in the soccer world: "Ajax are not just the team of the nineties, they are approaching football Utopia. Their concept of the game is exquisite yet they have a physical superiority as well. They are Beauty and the Beast." (Real Madrid coach Jorge Valdano on Ajax's success)

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Biff Flies Solo

by Biff
Columnist

Happy New Year everyone! We're back, or I mean, I'm back. While my partner has been more accurate than yours truly in the playoffs thus far, apparently he is still trying to recover from the New Years Eve celebrations. Bart must be smiling in his sleep since my pre-season Super Bowl picks have been eliminated from the playoffs (San Francisco and Miami). I'm now beginning to make preparations for next season. However, I must get on to more serious matters. Here are my picks for this week's NFC and AFC Championship games.

NFC Championship Game: *Green Bay at Dallas*

Is the Pack back? Can Brett Favre continue his MVP season performance? Will Green Bay finally beat Dallas for the first time in 5 years? These are many questions that Green Bay must answer in order for them to proceed to the Super Bowl in 2 weeks. Green Bay has a good chance of defeating the Cowboys this time around following their major upset over San Francisco last week. Packers QB Brett Favre has taken his game to new heights the whole season and is

now regarded to be one of the elite QBs in the NFL today. Edgar Bennett has been nothing but Super this season. The former Florida State Seminole became the first Green Bay running back to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season since 1978. Green Bay's defense has been overshadowed this season by Favre and the offense. Nevertheless, the Minister of Defense, Reggie White and his apostles have been nothing but spectacular during the playoffs, forcing opposing QBs to turn the ball over.

For the Packers to win this game, they must contain Dallas' running attack that is led by All-World running back Emmitt Smith and Daryl Johnson. They must also flush QB Troy Aikman out of the pocket to create the all-important turnovers. Dallas should receive a moral boost for this game. The sackmaster Charles Haley is listed as a questionable starter for this game following back surgery 5 weeks ago.

Although Dallas has dominated Green Bay the previous 5 games, the Packers remain confident since they are 2 and 0 in NFC Championship games versus the Cowboys. The Packers also have nothing to lose in this game whereas Dallas has no more excuses left not to win the Super Bowl this season. Prediction: Green Bay 31, Dallas 27.

AFC Championship Game: *Indianapolis at Pittsburgh*

Indianapolis has been the Cinderella team of the playoffs this season. Unexpected victories over the Chargers and Chiefs the past 2 weeks have vaulted this team to the conference championship game against the Steelers this week. However, "the clock will strike midnight" about the time of the opening kickoff of Three Rivers Stadium. The Steelers are simply too powerful in every aspect of the game. Neil O'Donnell and Kordell 'Slash' Stewart are more than able to pick apart the Colts' defense, which has played beyond expectations the previous 2 weeks. Throw in a solid running game, a ferocious defense, and the Steelers' desire not to repeat last year's conference championship disaster and Voila! The scene is set for a Pittsburgh victory.

The Colts have upset many talented teams this season (i.e.: San Francisco, Miami, New England, San Diego, and Kansas City). Since star RB Marshall Faulk left the game against the Chargers with a bruised knee, the running attack of the Colts has been led by the likes of players such as Zach Crockett, Rodney Humphrey, and Terrace Warren. QB Jim Harbough has been nothing short of amazing this season as his continued success through the playoffs has indicated. However, I don't expect the Colts to repeat the feat, but accept defeat.

Prediction: Pittsburgh 34, Indianapolis 18.



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Bart's Final Regular Season Record: 24 - 28

Biff's Final Regular Season Record: 28 - 24

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Laurentian Varsity Veeline

Men's Hockey: Laurentian 6 York 2

The Laurentian Voyageurs hockey team travelled to Toronto Friday to take on the 10th-ranked York Yeomen. They were able to defeat the Yeomen with the great goaltending of Shawn Spencer who turned away 22 shots for the victory. This solidifies first in the Mid-West Divisions for the Vees with 17 points. Scoring for the Vees were Eddie Mick and Kevin McKay with 1 goal a piece and Kylie Hill and Darren Dougan with 2 goals each. Dougan and McKay both had four points for the Voyageurs.

Athletes of the Week: Darren Dougan was named male athlete of the week for his performance this past weekend. He scored two goals and two assists to help the Vees defeat the 10th ranked team in Canada. This win moves Laurentian into first place in their division.

Shelley Dewar was named the first female athlete of the new year when she scored 17 points in a losing cause against York. The team lost a close one by a point. Congratulations to Darren and Shelley!!!

And over the Holidays... (Between December 28-30)

Men's Hockey: Concordia Tournament

The Hockey Vees lost three straight games to McGill (7-1), Concordia (8-4), and Manitoba (6-4). Although the Vees were outscored 21-9 in three games, director of Laurentian hockey operations Stu Duncan said these games meant nothing.

"This tournament was strictly exhibition and means nothing. This was pretty much a tune-up tournament. We had not played in a while and all these teams had played all the way up to the tournament."

The Vees play this weekend against Laurier and Waterloo.

Men's Basketball: Halifax Tournament

December 29th - Vees over Dalhousie 79-71
December 30th - Vees over St. Mary's 77-60

Shawn Swords was named MVP of the tournament, despite injuring his right ankle early in the second half of the game against St. Mary's. Roan Biggs and Cory Bailey were named tournament All-Stars.

Women's Basketball: Waterloo Tournament

December 28th: L.U. over Acadia 76-49
December 29th: L.U. over Waterloo 66-57
December 30th: Western over L.U. 70-55

Intramural Volleyball News

by Daniel C. Foley
Contributor

Welcome back for the second term of your '95-'96 school year. In only a short time, you and all your good friends will be able to jump on the volleyball court. While the theme of this intramural league is fun, there is expected to be some fierce competition between some of the rivalries throughout the university.

Unfortunately, the 24 teams allowed to compete have already been selected. They are as follows:

Flying Hounds; Howling Nuns; Dirty Filth; 6 Packs; Boomers; Playin' Thunder; Thorneloe B-Team; Sigma Delta Awesome; Les Pantheres; French Connection; Team 7; Woody's Warriors; M3rd Muskrats; J2nd Meat; B3rd Bashers; M2nd Crusaders; Stokers A; Stokers B; Stokers C; LOCS A; Hawks 1; Hawks 2; Hawks 3; Hawks 4.

These teams are entitled to change and any player changes on the teams must be done through Dorothy Pitzel at the Active Living Office. These teams must have their captain or a member of their team present at the mandatory meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 1996 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Ken Bahnuk Lounge. Attendance is mandatory!!!

